ordered for disafforestation for providing lands for the people of Samballi village which was submerged in the Mettur Reservoir;

(*b*) what the extent is of the whole forest and what the portion disafforested is;

(*c*) whether a copy of the order of disafforestation and assignment will be placed on the table;

(*d*) whether the assignment of the disafforested area has been completed and who the persons are who have been given the lands; and

(*e*) if not, at what stage it is and why the matter is kept pending?

A.—(*a*) There is no reserve by the name of "Lakkampatti Reserve."

(*b*) *to* (*e*) Do not arise.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I ask, Sir, what is the area that has been ordered to be disafforested in the village of Alamarathupatti?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"I will be able to give it to the hon. Member a little later to-day."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE COURT OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, BANGALORE.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to announce that Messrs. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed and K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder were nominated for election of a member to the Court of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. As Mr. Nachiyappa Gounder has since withdrawn his candidature, I declare Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed duly elected by the Madras Legislative Council to the Court of the Indian Institute of Science."

III.—A BILL FOR THE IMPOSITION AND LEVY OF LICENCE FEES ON THE SALE OF TOBACCO IN THE PRESIDENCY OF MADRAS (BILL No. 17 OF 1935)—*cont.*

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The discussion of the Tobacco Bill will continue."

* Sir A. T. PATRO:—"Mr. President, Sir, only a few months back both the Hon. the Revenue Member and the Hon. the Finance Member introduced a proposal in this House for relieving the agricultural population from their chronic indebtedness and saving them from the clutches of sowcars. Steps were taken for the relaxation of the terms of the grant of takavi loans and for advancing loans to